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Administrative arrangements to ensure the full technical independence of the International Narcotics Control Board

Note by the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General has the honour to transmit to the Economic and Social Council (see annex) the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme on the implementation of the administrative arrangements to ensure the full technical independence of the International Narcotics Control Board, as requested in resolution 1991/48 of 21 June 1991. The administrative arrangements are contained in the annex to that resolution.

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Annex

NOTE BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL DRUG CONTROL PROGRAMME ON ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS TO ENSURE THE FULL TECHNICAL INDEPENDENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD*

1. In its resolution 1991/48, the Economic and Social Council approved the administrative arrangements prepared on behalf of the Secretary-General by the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme (UNDCP) in agreement with the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) and contained in the annex to that resolution; requested the Executive Director to implement those arrangements, taking into account the character, powers and functions of INCB and the importance of its full technical independence in the performance of its tasks; and also requested the Executive Director to report to the Council, through the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its thirty-sixth session, on the implementation of Council resolution 1991/48.

2. In accordance with paragraph 1 of the administrative arrangements referred to above, UNDCP has been providing secretariat services to INCB since the full integration of the structures and functions of the formerly separate INCB secretariat into UNDCP. In particular, such services have been provided by an INCB secretariat as part of the Treaty Implementation and Legal Affairs Division dealing specifically with the functions of INCB, as well as by staff elsewhere in UNDCP. The Secretary of INCB, appointed by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Board, coordinates and supervises UNDCP assistance and support to the Board.

3. By its decision 50/8, the Board adopted specific working procedures to ensure the full support of, and adequate cooperation with, UNDCP in respect of:

(a) Measures to be taken by the Board to ensure the execution of the provisions of the international drug control treaties;

(b) The preparation of the annual report of INCB;

(c) Mutual information and advice on the granting of technical and financial assistance to Governments.

4. The working procedures agreed upon between INCB and UNDCP will be kept under review to ensure that they meet with the spirit of the administrative arrangements approved by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1991/48.

5. The administrative arrangements relating to the budget, communications, storage and management of records, representation, dates of meetings and publicity as set forth in the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/48 have been implemented by UNDCP.

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6. The Executive Director of UNDCP and the Board, in close consultation, continue to review the effectiveness and efficiency of the administrative arrangements and the above-mentioned procedures as well as their results in ensuring the execution of the Board's mandates. Should either INCB or UNDCP deem it necessary to develop new or to revise the existing administrative arrangements, proposals would be submitted to the Economic and Social Council for consideration and approval.